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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Michel Therin et al.

Examiner: Melanie Tyson

Serial No.: 10/690,625

Group: Art Unit 3731

Filed: October 23, 2003

Docket: 1600-25 (BR040489)

For: PROSTHESIS FOR REINFORCEMENT  
OF TISSUE STRUCTURES

Dated: December 7, 2006

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				X 180 \$	X 360 \$ 0
				TOTAL	OR TOTAL \$ 0
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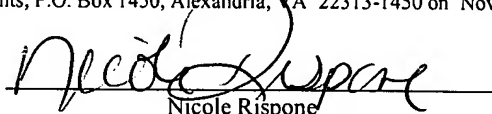
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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